DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I now put to the vote of the House, Demand XI, Administration of Justice, Judicial Department and Additional Head Sirkar Vakil's Office, Rs. 7·08 lakhs less Rs. 10,369 for Law's Delays Committee.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XII—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE—HEAD SIRKAR VAKIL'S DEPARTMENT Rs. ·27 lakh.

MR. V. S. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR (*Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. ·27 lakh under Demand XII—Administration of Justice—Head Sirkar Vakil's Department.

16 E. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE—LAW OFFICERS.

Motion 280.

The following motion was deemed not to have been moved as the member was absent:—

MR. A. K. PILLAI:

280. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 14,547 for establishment by Rs. 10.

MOTIONS UNDER DEMAND XII.

Motions 281 to 283.

The following motions were not moved:—

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI:

281. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. ·27 lakh under Demand XII by 1 cash.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN:

282. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. ·27 lakh under Demand XII by Re. 1.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON:

283. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. ·27 lakh under Demand XII by Rs. 10.

Motion 284.

The following motion was deemed not to have been moved as the member was absent:—

MR. A. K. PILLAI:

284. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. ·27 lakh under Demand XII by Rs. 10.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I now put to the vote of the House Demand XII—Administration of Justice—Head Sirkar Vakil's Department—Rs. ·27 lakh.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XIII—CENTRAL PRISON: Rs. ·87 lakh.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 87,000 under Demand XIII—Central Prison,

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17. A. JAILS—CENTRAL PRISON.

Motions 285 to 288.

The following motion was not moved :—

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI :

285. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 19,499 for establishment by 100.

The following motions were deemed not to have been made as the member was absent :—

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI :

286. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,800 for uniform and equipment by Rs. 1,000.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI :

287. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 700 for office expenses and miscellaneous by Rs. 200.

The following motion was not moved :—

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI :

288. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 300 for honorarium to the Moral Instructor by Rs. 100.

Motion 289.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, I beg to move the following motion :—

289. To omit the allotment of Rs. 300 for honorarium to the Moral Instructor.

It seems to me that the whole system of discipline and life in the prison should be directed towards the moral elevation of the inmates of the jail and there are a sufficient number of officers provided for the purpose, including the Superintendent of the jail and the Jailors who are all men of education and culture. So, it seems to me that a special provision for moral instruction need not be made. The Superintendent and the Jailors should be men who are capable of giving such instruction and they can do it very well. The instruction need not be of a sectarian character, but of a moral character. Here, in the provision in the budget, it is also stated that it is for a Moral Instructor. So, it seems to me that the provision for a special honorarium is quite unnecessary. If it happens that the Superintendent or any of the Jailors is incapable of giving such moral instruction, I think that that gentleman should be sent away and a man capable of giving such instruction put in his place. So, I move this motion.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Sir, I oppose that motion for this reason, namely, that the matter had come up for elaborate discussion in this House in connection with the supplementary grant on the same subject during this very year and the matter has been discussed at very great length on either side.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : And Mr. Raman Menon expressed the same opinion then also.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : Yes. I would for the very reasons advanced then in respect of the grant of the honorarium urge that this motion should not be allowed by this House.

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MR. K. C. MAMMEN MAPPILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, North*): I also oppose the motion.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I certainly oppose the motion. Mr. Raman Menon thinks that the Superintendent and the Jailor, the Deputy Jailor and the Warder are competent men to give moral instruction to the prisoners. I differ from him entirely. The nature of the training and the qualifications of these gentlemen do not fit them to give moral instruction to the prisoners. Moral instruction can be given only by those gentlemen who do not come into regular contact with them, and I hardly think even from a moment's consideration of the subject that such a proposition will at all be practicable.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): May I know who gives moral instruction? I do not want to know his name, but I want to know what he is.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He is a public gentleman.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): But is he a non-official visitor?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. But he has no authority over the functionaries of the Jail.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): But as a non-official visitor, can he not sit in judgment over the actions of the jail officers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He does not come into contact with the prisoners except as their helper. So, I hardly think that the proposition of Mr. Raman Menon is practicable. It is absolutely impossible to entrust moral instruction in the jail to the persons who control the jail.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Has he any special qualification to impart moral instruction?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe he has.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether it is not better to have a full-time instructor?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We are managing without a full-time instructor and I think the present arrangement is working very well.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): May I know how many hours' instruction he gives to the prisoners?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe he visits the prisoners every Sunday when he gives instruction to them for two hours or so.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Two hours a week?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are the Government aware that there is a lady visiting the jail and giving the women prisoners moral instruction?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I do not know.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I may inform the member that there is one.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : May I know whether, in the opinion of the Government, there is any other person competent to impart moral instruction to the prisoners in the jail than the present functionary ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I say the whole principle is wrong. It would not be right to entrust the functionaries of the jail with the work of imparting moral instruction.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Except the present person imparting moral instruction, are the Government aware of any other person competent to impart the same ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Nobody seems to have come forward for that. If anybody comes forward, then his qualifications will be considered.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : At present, are the Government aware of any other person who is competent to impart moral instruction ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already said no.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : Nobody heard it.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Do the Government consider it right that a visitor of the jail should also be in receipt of an honorarium from the Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The honorarium is given to him practically for his expenses.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the present Moral Instructor was appointed as a non-official visitor only after he had commenced his duties as a Moral Instructor ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I think it is so.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I wish to ask him a question. Will the Government enquire whether the Superintendent or any of the other officials in the jail is capable of giving moral instruction ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I said that it is against the very principle of imparting moral instruction to the prisoners to have it entrusted to the Superintendent. It is a place where the Superintendent has to exercise discipline, and enforce it sometimes by inflicting very rigorous punishments. It is not a place where the Superintendent can come into contact with them in a very mild and sentimental sort of way.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government kindly enquire whether there is a lady imparting moral instruction to the women prisoners in the jail, and if so, consider whether it is also desirable to give some honorarium or allowance to her also ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is the lady who visits the jail and imparts instruction who has to bring the matter before the Government.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government kindly see that she is given some honorarium?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not in the province of the Government to offer any remuneration to any person without anybody asking for it.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government give her an honorarium if she writes to the Government asking for it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government will then consider her request.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Since I fear that the majority of the members may not vote for this motion, I beg to withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Motions 290 and 291.

The following motions were deemed not to have been made as the member was absent.

MR. A. K. PILLAI:

290. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 74,632 for Central Prison by Rs. 10.

17 B. JAIL MANUFACTURE.

MR. A. K. PILLAI:

291. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,000 for Jail Manufactures by Rs. 10.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I now put to the vote of the House, Demand XIII—Central Prison—Rs. 87 lakh.

The motion was carried and the grant was made.

I think we may attack Mr. Krishna Pillai in the morning on Wednesday next. Now we may adjourn to meet again on Wednesday.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Have we got credit for this time?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We will not only have Wednesday, but three or four hours on Thursday also at our disposal for voting on Demands. Now we will have the election of members to the Unemployment and the Puduval Rules Revision Committees.

The Council adjourned at 4 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. on Wednesday, the 18th August 1926.

T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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